Farm loan rates increase

ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

NEW LOAN RATES - The loan rates for wheat, corn, oats, barley, sorghum and rye have been increased to provide farmers additional financing. This will automatically raise the "release" and "call" levels for wheat, corn, oats, barley and sorghum in the farmer-held reserve.

The county loan rates are as follows:

	Old Rate	New Rate
Barley (Bu.)	$1.61	$1.69
Corn (Bu.)	2.18	2.28
Oats (Bu.)	1.15	1.20
Rye (bu.)	1.94	2.03
Sorghum (cwt.)	3.48	3.61
Wheat (Bu.)	2.30	2.45

If you are interested in obtaining a commodity loan and /or getting into the grain reserve program, check with the ASCS office for details.

President Carter sends greetings

Ben C. Tomlin, a native of Amherst, got a special surprise for his 86th birthday recently, a birthday card from President Jimmy Carter. Born Jan. 14, 1894, Tomlin has six children, 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. His son, Roosevelt Tomlin, is an Appomattox resident, living in Spout Spring.

1980 Agricultural conservation Program - We are still accepting applications for cost-share under the 1980 Agricultural Conservation Program.

If you are interested in cost-share assistance, please contact the ASCS office.

The practices and cost-share rates offered under the program are as follows:

SL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment - 60%
SL-2 Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement - 50%
SL-3 Stripcropping Systems - 75%
SL-4 Terrace Systems - 60%
SL-5 Diversions - 60%
SL-6 Grazing Land Protection - 50%
SL-11 Permanent Vegetative Cover on Critical Areas - 60%
WP-3 Sodwaterway - 75%
WP-4 Animal Waste Control Facilities - 50%

HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

A big thank you to all of those who helped make the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet a big success last week. Many 4-H'ers received awards for their accomplishments during the past year.

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Appomattox County will participate in Holiday Lake 4-H Camp this coming summer. Inflation has caught up with the operation of 4-H Camp as well as other areas. The cost of camp will be $40.00 for the 1980 season.

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The official date for the Senior 4-H District Contest will be Saturday, May 10. This year's contest will be held at Appomattox County High School. All Senior 4-H members will want to make a note of this date.

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Achievement records were mailed to the State 4-H Office this week. Congratulations to those 4-H'ers who completed and submitted records. Three 4-H'ers submitted records for the first time this year: Laurie Cowan, Glen McClenny, and Blair Smith. These achievement records will be judged in early February and results available by March 1.

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4-H Pine Seedling orders are due in the Extension Office by Friday of this week. Please get yours in on time. Trees will be delivered by early April.

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4-H Public Speaking programs will get underway next week. The county Speaking Contest is scheduled for February 18 at AES. Farmers National Bank is providing sponsorship for this 4-H program for the ninth consecutive year.

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J. E. Sears and Company will again have pre-cut Bluebird Houses available. Cost for these will be $1.25. Now is the time to begin making plans for building these birdhouses since bluebirds will arrive in our area by March 1.

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FR-1 Forest Tree Plantation - 50%
FR-2 Forest Tree Stand Improvement - 50%

This program is a good way to save money while doing needed conservation practices on the farm.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION -

1. Soil samples will be required to be submitted for seeding and fertilizing practices (SL-1, SL-2). The samples should be brought in when the application is filed.
2. Applications must be approved before the practice is started to be eligible for cost-share.
3. The Soil Conservation Service will be responsible for SL-3, SL-4, SL-5, SL-6, SL-11, WP-3, and WP-4 practices.
4. The Forest Service will be responsible for FR-1 and FR-2 practices.

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Father Darkleaf

by Calvin Robinson

It would have been nice had a group carrying lighted torches to the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid passed through Appomattox. Most anything to help generate heat. I did see a flash of pure red but it was a Cardinal patronizing my windowside bird feeder. On Groundhog Day I remained in low profile, leaving it to Punxcutawney Phil to tell us what we already knew, that we will have winter weather in February.

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Warming thought . . . the American League 1980 baseball season opens April 9, with Seattle going against the Toronto Blue Jays. The Yankees at Texas on April 10. Note: Appomattox is supposed to own April 9 as "Its Day in History."

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The week of Feb. 25 has been designated as National Letter Writing Week: Most of us stay tardy in writing letters. And for some of us more than a week would be required to catch up.

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The **Times-Virginian** gets around. Always has. Let me share an illustration with our readers. I was browsing around in my basement over the week-end and was looking at some of the things thumbtacked to the wall. One caught my eye and brought back memories. It was the faded top of the front page of the **Times-Virginian** dated August 17, 1944. So what? Well, I was then editor and publisher of the paper and this item was mailed to me by a GI from Danville who had found it on Leyte Island, the Philippines when our heroes under MacArthur staged their invasion. How did the paper get there? Well, I think I know and that involves another story. The late Judge Joel W. Flood, himself a veteran, WWI, thought of a great project during WWII. He wanted every service man from Appomattox, who so desired, to receive the home newspaper for free. We worked out a special rate with Judge Flood and urged families and friends to furnish us the address of Appomattox service men. The list grew and grew and we were proud to be a part of this homefront project. And I am sure it explains why a soldier from Danville found a newspaper from Appomattox on a street in the Philippines. And there is a followup. All during the war, The **Times-Virginian** received letters from service men. From camps and battlefronts. We published many of them and saved everyone. I still have a few. They didn't write much about their own experiences. Maybe mentioning a week-end pass and a quick visit to some famous city. Some sent souvenirs. What did they write about? Appomattox and home, I recall one letter saying that the writer passed along The **Times-Virginian** to his buddies and they read it too. He said his buddies liked to keep up with what's going on in Rocks and Evergreen! They kept up with how the high school teams were doing. From London a service man from Pamplin mailed me a fine picture of the Queen. Still have it. And I still have other souvenirs from service men, including an item from the USS Missouri, which received the Japanese surrender. Heavens to Betsy, our flag was made to fly high. In times of crisis, America is at its finest hour. And it all came to mind upon finding the top of an old and faded newspaper on the basement wall. Come to think of it, it does not belong in the basement. I'll feature it on the wall in My Den. And a salute to such fine men as the late Judge Flood, who cared.

Winter scenery . . .

Appomattox County residents were treated to greeting-card-type winter scenery last week when the area was blanketed with three to four inches of gowdery snow. The weatherman was predicting snow for this week, following near-zero temperatures over the weekend. The white stuff made for some pretty scenery around the county, such as this old farmhouse near Bent Creek, off Route 26, photographed just before sunset.

'Favorite bird' doing well

By BILL SHERROD

The wild turkey – that most American of American birds – has enjoyed a prosperity this year that has game officials astounded.

Charles Torrence, game sergeant in charge of Appomattox County as well as Buckingham, Charlotte and Prince Edward Counties, says this fall's turkey exceeded the combined fall and spring turkey kills of all previous years in which records were kept.

The fall turkey kill – 324 birds in Appomattox alone and more than 1,000 in the four counties, was "almost unbelievable," according to Torrence. In previous years the combined fall and spring turkey kill has averaged about 70 birds, according to Torrence.

The reason for the surge in the turkey population is the ideal breeding weather the birds have enjoyed the past two years.

"Everything was almost perfect last year and the year before," Torrence says. "The temperature was about right, and there was just about the right amount of rainfall."

The turkey, which at one point in American history was being considered for the title of our national bird, has suffered from loss of habitat in recent years. As more land was developed for commercial, residential and agricultural use, the turkey's stomping grounds disappeared and the birds, which need ample room in which to roam and forage, became more and more scarce.

Game officials say that the spring gobbler season – in which hunters are allowed to take male birds during the turkey mating period – has also played an important role in the comeback of the Virginia turkey.

"The gobblers would destroy the freshly laid eggs, by treading the hens as they sat on the nest," according to Torrence. "So by eliminating some of the gobblers during the mating season, more of the turkey eggs were preserved."

There were so many turkeys in this part of Virginia, in fact, that for the first time in recent years the season was opened on hen birds.

"We haven't gotten the statistics yet on how many hens were killed," according to Torrence, "But I do know that many of the birds I saw that were checked were large."

Torrence says he has seen flocks – or "gangs," as they are popularly known – of turkeys of at least 30 birds. "And I've had reports of gangs with as many as 60 birds," he says. The game warden says this happens when four or five older hens with broods join together, resulting, temporarily, at least, in large flocks which astound humans lucky enough to see them in the open.

For the future, at least in the next year or two, the turkey picture looks bright. Torrence says the local turkey population should hold up well with the number of hen turkeys existing now, if the weather is in any way favorable to turkey breeding this spring.

"If the weather's good, and if people continue to cooperate in helping enforce the hunting regulations, then there should be plenty of turkeys, and plenty of good turkey hunting, in the next couple of years."

Mrs. Wheeler, T-V writer, dead at 76

Mrs. Eloise Alvis Wheeler, 76, of Route 1, died at 3 p.m. Friday at her residence after a long illness.

Mrs. Wheeler was a correspondent for the **Times-Virginian**, writing Stonewall news for 17 years, prior to her death.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late David Alvis and Ella Worley Alvis. She was a charter member of Wreck Island Extension Homemakers. She was a member for more than 50 years of Hebron Baptist Church and the WMU.

She is survived by her husband, Irby Banks Wheeler; two sons, Ben D. Wheeler of Appomattox and Robert L. Wheeler of Richmond; two

Mrs. Irby B. Wheeler

daughters, Mrs. Don (Betsy) Kaeding of Thawville, Ill., and Mrs. Harold B. (Bertha) Jones of Spout Spring; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell of Sport Spring.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday from Hebron Baptist Church by the Rev. Carl Patton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bulls average $1748

Eighty-one bulls brought $141,640 at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center recently, an average of $1748 per animal.

The breed breakdown was as follows: 33 angus brought $62,675–average $1899; 2 red angus brought $2775–average $1338; 10 simmental brought $19,975–average $1998; 2 charolais brought $4100–average $2050; 1 horned hereford brought $1025; 33 polled hereford brought $51,090–average $1548.

Two Appomattox cattlemen purchased bulls–James Ford and C. S. Ranson.

Annually Farmers National Bank presents plaques to the top performing group of three or more bulls. Performance is based on two factors: 140 day feed test ratio and yearling weight ratio. Each factor is given equal weight.

James Pugh, Manager, Farmers National Bank, Plaza Branch, presented plaques to: Marland Farm, located at The Plains, Virginia for the top performing simmental–lot 403. This bull had a test ratio of 121 and a yearling ratio of 113–averaging 117.

The top angus award went to lot 30 owned by Mt. Rush Farm, Buckingham. His test ratio was 121 and 365 day weight ratio was 115, averaging 118.

Top performing polled hereford was owned by Knoll Crest Farm at Red House. Lot 208 had a test ratio of 120 and a weight ratio of 115–averaging 118.

The top performing group of bulls was also owned by Knoll Crest Farm. There were 10 bulls in the group that had average test ratio of 106 and average weight ratio of 108–averaging 107.

Bulls 30 and 208 were not offered for sale. The breeders elected to continue using them in their herd.

In Spout Spring

New postmaster assigned

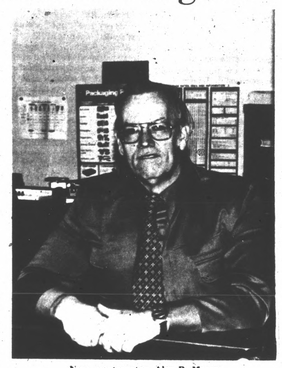
Alex R. Mason has been appointed postmaster of Spout Spring, Va. 24593, it was announced Jan. 29 by the Eastern Regional Headquarters of the U. S. Postal Service.

Mason was one of 39 postmasters appointed simultaneously in the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Eastern Region appointments, effective Jan. 26, 1980, add to the increasing number of postmasters named by the U. S. Postal Service under the non-political merit system established by the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970.

Recommendations for appointments of postmasters are submitted by Regional Management Selection Boards, consisting of postal and non-postal members.

Mr. Mason is a graduate of Brookville High School and attended Lynchburg College; he served with the U. S. Marines from Nov. 6, 1950, through May 3, 1952. The new Postmaster began his postal career as an Indefinite Substitute Clerk at the Lynchburg Post Office on Nov. 12, 1954, and was converted to career status on Jan. 23, 1955; he has served as a Distribution Clerk; Distribution, Window and Markup Clerk; and Accounting Clerk at that office. From May 1, 1979, through Nov. 16, 1979, he was detailed as Officer-in-Charge at the Rustburg, Va., Post Office.



New postmaster Alex R. Mason

Mrs. Mason is married to the former Judith Mahone Dodson of Lynchburg, Va; they have three sons, Alexander R., Jr., Michael L., and Steven C., and three daughters, Judith R., Katherine L., and Suzanne J. Campbell.

County supervisors to meet

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will meet Friday at 9 a.m. in the Board Room at the Clerk's Office.

On the agenda will be Mr. T. E. Pittman who will discuss roads in the county with board members; Mr. Lloyd G. Walton, Superintendent of Public Schools, will give the board a financial report from the school system; Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer, will give her financial report to the board; and Mr. Bill Caldwell, Building Inspector, will report to the board on new business.

Also appearing before the board will be Mr. Kenneth Marston on behalf of the Red House Fire Department; and Mr. Bill Hippert, Executive Director, Central Virginia Planning District Commission, from Lynchburg. Mr. W. R. Briton, Jr. will review matters as related to his position as Special Projects Secretary to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

School board meets Mon.

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session on Monday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. in the School Board office.

Items on the agenda will include consideration of the budget for 1980-81; review of quotations from companies that sell school bus bodies and chassis; reports on revenue sharing funds, use of ACHS as alternate assembly area for 1st Battalion, 319th Regiment, 2nd Brigade of the 80th Division, installation of automatic flashing lights and speed limit signs on Ferguson Street in front of Appomattox Primary School, approximate cost to install elevator in ACHS, triennial census of school population; review of proposed legislation census of school population; review of proposed legislation which will affect public education; and review of developments in certain instructional areas such as testing and course offerings.

Bloodmobile comes here Monday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Appomattox Monday, Feb. 11, from noon until 6 p.m.

Appomattox County is short of its quota for the fiscal year, according to Mrs. Alice C. Martin, chairman of the Blood Services Porgram, and everyone is encouraged to come out Monday and donate a unit of blood.

The bloodmobile will be set up at Liberty Baptist Church as usual, so please mark your calendar and let this be a visit you do not miss.

Giving blood is a painless procedure and does not take much of your time. Give the "gift of life - give blood".

When the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its official visit to Appomattox on Monday these employees of Amelia Dress Company, shown in photo above, plan to be on hand to donate a unit of blood and they urge you to join them as every donor possible will be needed so that Appomattox County can reach its goal. Shown above, left to right, are Marsha Ryan, Patricia Seay, Serena Mosley, DeLoys Ayers, Ella Mae Godsey and Marie Kellam.